

16th Annual American Indian Studies Summer Institute



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Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Band of Mohican Indians

First Nations Studies Program and
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University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Dates & Location

July 23 – 27, 2012
Pine Hills
Many Trails Banquet Hall
N9499 Pine Hills Drive
Gresham, Wisconsin

Early Registration Deadline: July 13, 2012
(Other registration options are available.)

<http://www.regonline.com/16thannualamericanindianstudiessummerinstitute>

Description

Purpose

The American Indian Studies Summer Institute (AISSI) is an active, highly participatory, week-long workshop designed to increase participants' understanding of issues related to the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the eleven federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands in Wisconsin. Our goals relate to both American Indian studies and the education of American Indian students. This event aims to improve teaching and learning and to enrich student services so that they may become more culturally responsive. Participants will learn how to adapt or develop new techniques best suited to their unique circumstances.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone with a personal or professional interest in American Indian studies and/or American Indian education is welcome to attend. Past participants of AISSI have included: Head Start and pre-school staff, pre-service teachers, classroom teachers, teacher aides, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, curriculum specialists, library media specialists, home-school coordinators, Title VII and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) coordinators and administrators, principals and superintendents, tribal education staff, college and university students, faculty, staff and administrators, and all others with an interest in American Indian Studies and education of American Indian students. *Note: This event meets licensing requirements for educators trained outside Wisconsin.*

Activities

Classroom sessions use a variety of teaching methods and provide opportunities for both presenters and participants to share information, resources, best practices, and model programs. A field trip and other sessions outside the classroom provide opportunities for experiential learning. Rich discussions allow everyone to share their insights and reactions. Perhaps most importantly, participants will have the opportunity to work in small groups to develop an action plan to teach others what they have learned. Events will include a celebration of the relationships we have made and the things we have learned with a traditional feast and cultural activities.

Staff

Our staff is a mix of Native and non-Native educators from a variety of academic and personal backgrounds. They serve as resource people and mentors, and they facilitate small group sessions designed to help participants process what they have learned and develop an action plan that extends their learning to others.

Registration

All participants are required to register. Registration includes printed materials related to American Indian Studies. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided daily. Participants are responsible for their own lodging and transportation.

The registration fee is \$475 per person if registered before **July 13, 2012**, or \$550 if registration is received by **July 19, 2012** (\$650 onsite). Discounted group rates are also available. *Due to the nature of this event, registrations for only a portion of the summer institute are **not** available.* Space is limited, so please register early. To register online, go to: <http://www.regonline.com/16thannualamericanindianstudiessummerinstitute>. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Ellingson, Office Operations Associate, American Indian Studies Program at connie.ellingson@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-9155. *Refunds must be requested **in writing** before July 16, 2012. (A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from the amount refunded. No refunds will be granted for non-attendees.)*

College Credit

Undergraduate and graduate credits (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay) are available for an additional fee. To register for credit, go to: <http://www.uwgb.edu/educationoutreach/courses/courseDetail.asp?id=0984C/CU>.



Tentative Agenda

Monday, July 23, 2012

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- Opening and Introductions
- American Indian Studies and Act 31
- Introduction to Wisconsin American Indian History, Culture, and Tribal Sovereignty
- History and Culture of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
- Group Sessions

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- Addressing Stereotypes, Biases, and Prejudice
- Understanding Tribal Sovereignty
- Building Community Partnerships and Relationships
- Small Group Sessions

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- Community Tour
- Developing A Culturally Responsive Curriculum or Strategic Plan
- Vision Into Action
- Small Group Sessions

Thursday, July 26, 2012

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- Mini-Workshops, Research, and Affinity Groups
- Other Follow-Up Activities
- Individual Learning and Research or Field Trips

Friday, July 27, 2012

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

- Group Presentations
- Closing Ceremony



Comments from Past Participants

"... [T]he best educational experience I have had in a few years. ... An awesome week of education. I look forward to seeing this institute go on, as an annual event, for many years and decades to come." (1997)

"I plan to make the AISSI a yearly tradition." (1998)

"Very worthwhile 5 days! I will advocate for and recommend the institute." (1999)

"All aspects of it were enjoyable and enlightening to us all. We will certainly recommend it to our colleagues. Thanks!"— Team of Middle School Teachers (2000)

"What an eye-opener! An experience I will long remember. I learned so much. Thank you." (2001)

"Many of the things I experienced at the institute have not only impacted my professional endeavors but, moreover, my personal life has been positively transformed." (2002)

"This is the only workshop/institute in which I've been immersed in the culture I'm learning about." (2003)

"... (D)efinitely one of the best classes in which I've participated! Authentic, accurate information was shared in non-threatening small and large group presentations. Additionally, this institute was a 'minds-on', 'hands-on' experience!" (2004)

"It was wonderful to see and experience everyone's growth and change over this week. The projects were wonderful culminations of our learning. I can't wait to go back and start my planning for the fall. Thank you for being a catalyst in my growth and change." (2005)

"The most useful learning experience I've ever participated in during my 16 year professional career." (2006)

"This was an incredible experience! It expanded my knowledge base on sovereignty, treaties, and Wisconsin statutes. It also increased my understanding and appreciation to examine my own attitudes, biases, and perspectives. I learned a lot about being a more sensitive, empathetic teacher. A great program!" (2007)

"I have gone to many, many conferences/workshops, etc. over many years and this is the best one to really educate—not just the mind, but the heart and soul. It is a true honor to be part of this experience and a phenomenal opportunity for learning growth and wisdom." (2008)

"It contributed to my understanding of tribal culture that is directly related to my curriculum, personal interest and my community. The wide variety of activities and knowledgeable instructors made for an interactive and memorable experience. I especially loved my small group discussions and emphasis on sharing of resources." (2009)

"This experience was wonderful. I leave here with a lot more knowledge about culturally responsive, appropriate education. Sovereignty, ... now I feel like I can explain it. All the staff members were so helpful and accepting and non-judgmental to our sometimes ignorant questions." (2010)

"Learned so much which added tremendously to my understanding of Native American culture, resources, food, etc. The more I can learn, the more I can share with others. Wonderful group of Native and non-Native participants and free atmosphere to ask questions I might otherwise have been hesitant to ask." (2011)



Lodging Information



North Star Mohican Casino Hotel

(10.4 miles from Many Trails Banquet Hall)

W 12180 County Road A

Bowler, WI 54416

(715) 787-3110 or (715) 793-4090

<http://www.northstarcasinoresort.com/Hotel.aspx>

Note: A small number of rooms are being held until July 12 for institute participants at a discounted rate of \$58.40/single room. Please mention "DPI" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.



Konkapot Lodge

(11.7 miles from Many Trails Banquet Hall)

W12635 County Road A

Bowler, WI 54416

(715) 787-4747

www.konkapot.com/

Note: A small number of rooms are being held until July 8 for institute participants at a discounted rate of \$70/single room. Please mention "Account #1163" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.

White Pines Lodge

(1.1 miles from Many Trails Banquet Hall)

N9125 Deep Woods Lane

Gresham, WI 54128

(715) 787-4800

www.whitepineslodge.net/

Note: A small number of rooms are being held until June 30 for institute participants at a discounted rate of \$60/single room, provided you stay for three or more evenings. Please mention "DPI" when making your reservation to receive the special rate.



Directions to *Many Trails Banquet Hall*

Coming from the North (Ashland):

Take US 2 E (36.4 mi.) to US 51 S (80.3 mi.)
Turn Left onto WI 29 E (46.1 mi.)
Take Left on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
Arrive at Many Trails Banquet Hall

Coming from the West (Eau Claire):

Take WI 29 E. (138.5 mi.)
Take Left on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
Arrive at Many Trails Banquet Hall

Coming from the West (La Crosse):

Merge onto I-90 E/US 53 N (41.9 mi.)
Take Exit 143 for WI-21/Continue E (46.9 mi.)
Merge onto I-39 N/US-51 N (56.1 mi.)
Turn Left onto WI 29 E (46.1 mi.)
Take Left on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
Arrive at Many Trails Banquet Hall

Coming from the East (Green Bay):

Merge onto WI 29 W/WI 32 (41.8 mi.)
Take Right on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
Arrive at Many Trails Banquet Hall

Coming from the South (Madison):

Take Ramp on I-39 N/I-90 W/(23.7 mi.)
Cont. on I-39 N/ US 51 N (101 mi.)
Merge onto WI 29 W/WI 32 (41.85 mi.)
Take Left on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
Arrive at Many Trails Banquet Hall

Coming from the South (Milwaukee):

Merge onto I-43 N (107.6 mi.)
Take exit 180 (6.4 mi.)/ US 41 N (3.8 mi.) Merge
onto WI 29 W/WI 32 (41.8 mi.)
Take Right on Co. Rd. U/A/Main St./Rd. G
Turn onto Big Lake Road
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